shipping lines which bring substantial number of transhipment containers into the country.

(b) Does not arise as no firm order has been received till date.

(c) and (d) The impact, if any, of such temporary relaxation on Shipping Corporation of India will be closely monitored at the time of implementation.

Coal Handling Plant at Paradeep

226. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a coal handling plant at Paradeep has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the expected time of the implementation of the above proposal; and

(d) the steps taken in the above matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A number of alternative schemes to arrive at the least cost solution for coal transportation from Talcher mines to coastal thermal power stations were studied by RITES who gave their report in April, 1988. On the basis of the recommendations of this study, a comprehensive project report for the recommended alternative of rail-cum-sea transportation of coal from Talcher to Ennore through Paradip Port was prepared by Dutch Consultants whose final report was received in October, 1990. In consultation with the various concerned agencies, schemes for coal handling facilities at Paradip/ Ennore have been finalised.

(c) The facility at Paradip is expected to be completed within 4 years from the date of commencement of work.

(d) The proposal requires an investment decision by the Government. The case is being processed to obtain approval of Government.

Increasing hotel accommodation at Tourist spots in Orissa

227. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hotel accommodation available in Orissa is very inadequate so that tourists have been facing a lot of problem particularly at the places of tourists spots; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken to provide adequate hotel accommodation in the Central sector to accommodate tourist visiting Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arse.

Reconstitution of Boards of Air India and Indian Airlines

228. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated to professionalise and debureaucratise the Boards of Management of the Air India and the Indian Airlines;

(b) whether the reconstitution of these Boards is long over due; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reconstitute new Boards consisting of professionals?